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## White House Honors David Deary of as “Champion of Change”

*Working Families Champions of Change event highlights importance of paid sick days and paid family leave policies*

Washington, D.C. – The White House honored David Deary as part of its Working Families Champions of Change event. David was recognized for his work to improve the lives of working families in Rhode Island. Read about David’s story here: <https://www.whitehouse.gov/champions/working-family-champions-of-change/david-deary>

David partnered with The Women’s Fund and The Rhode Island Parent Information Network (RIPIN) to join forces with the WeCare RI Coalition to lead the efforts in passing Temporary Caregivers Insurance in Rhode Island. Families no longer have to choose between caring for their loved one and keeping their job.

David is a true leader in the fight for paid sick days and paid family policies and has taken great strides to move these policies forward in Rhode Island said Ellen Bravo, executive director of Family Values @ Work. “We’re proud of David for this well-deserved honor, paving the way for national standards, until no one has to choose between providing and caring for their families.”

Rhode Island paid family leave policy, Temporary Care Givers Insurance, is an employee sponsored insurance program passed in 2013 and has served nearly 4000 parents, husbands, wives and adult children caring for their elderly parents during times of illness. These wins come on the heels of President Obama’s call in the State of the Union address for the U.S. to catch up with the 21st century and other world leaders on paid leave. These issues are also being addressed by presidential hopefuls as the 2016 campaigns get underway.

The Rhode Island Parent Information Network (RIPIN) will support David and the organized efforts to “Champion Change” for working families.

[Family Values @ Work](#) is a network of coalitions in 21 states, including Rhode Island Parent Information Network (RIPIN) working to pass policies that value families at work such as paid sick days and affordable family leave.